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Applicant: William F. AFTOORA Docket No.: WFA-1400
Serial No: 10/049,876 Examiner: DREW BECKER
Filed: June 7, 2002 Art Unit.: 1761
Title: Flavored Solid-Form Food Product and Method of Preparation

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**RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO MAINTAIN
APPLICATION PENDING THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED UPON FILING A
CONTINUATION APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT.**

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through his Attorney, respectfully responds to the Final Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006 as follows.

REMARKS

1. The response in this application is a bona fide attempt by Applicant to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006. The present response comprises a separately filed:

- ☒ Continuation Application
☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) Application
☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)

A copy of this response and petition for extension of time is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed continuation application.

2. Please abandon this application conditioned only upon the granting of a filing date for the separately filed continuation application, so as to make the continuation application copending with this application.

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3. This application is on behalf of:

☒ a small entity.

A Written Assertion Establishing Small Entity Status:

☐ is enclosed.

☒ was already filed in the parent application. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a) is hereby claimed.

☐ other than a small entity.

4. Extension of Time Requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) apply.

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below.)

Extension months	Fee for other than small entity	For small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,080.00

Extension Fee: \$ 510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☒ An extension for one (1) month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$60.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$450.00

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In Response to Office Action mailed on March 2, 2006
and Advisory Action mailed on July 19, 2006

OR

- (b) ☐ This is a conditional petition for an extension of time. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action or to establish copendency between the parent application and the contemporaneously and separately filed continuation application. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for an extension of time. If an additional extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

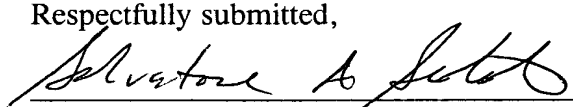
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Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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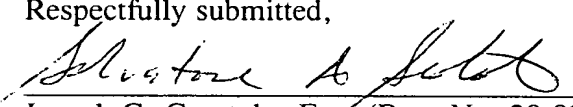
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